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FOR: SPONTANEOUSLY DISPERSIBLE N-BENZOYL STAUROSPORINE
COMPOSITIONS

MS: Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 26, 2004, having a period for response set to expire October 26, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the following amendment be entered and the claims considered in light thereof. Applicants also herein request a three month extension for this response as allowed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). The Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation for the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a).

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2. Remarks begin on page 4.